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On December 31, 2001, the Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation ("Farmer Mac") per instructions by nine of its board members, deducted a total of \$3,875 from the directors' compensation checks that was supposed to be transferred to the Farmer Mac PAC. Due to the recent retirement of the PAC treasurer and the fact that this was a new procedure for the company and the PAC, a clerical error was made and the transfer to the PAC was not made.

The Company and the PAC, upon becoming aware of this oversight through an internal review, immediately took steps to address this issue. In particular, following the guidance offered by FEC Advisory Opinion Number 1999-33 and determining that the relevant facts are identical, the Company transmitted the small amount involved to the PAC and the PAC is filing this amended return to reflect this transfer that should have occurred on December 31, 2001.

Like the company in AO 1999-33, Farmer Mac made an inadvertent mistake, sought to address this issue immediately upon discovery of that mistake, and the amount of money that was not transferred was not large and in fact was significantly less and during a shorter period than in AO 1999-33. In reliance upon this AO, and the regulations and other guidance offered by the Commission, we believe that transferring this money now and submitting the necessary amended reports is the proper course and consistent with FEC rules.